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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: the claims are directed to a heat exchanger apparatus. Therefore, the title is suggested to be as "Coated condensing heat exchanger".

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: The claimed subject matter of "said film is formed of polyolefin and is mixed with a maleated polyolefin" is not disclosed in the specification. The specification discloses that a maleate is mixed with polyolefin but not the polyolefin is mixed with a maleated polyolefin as claimed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The claimed subject matter of "said film is formed of polyolefin and is mixed with a maleated

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polyolefin" is not disclosed in the specification. The specification discloses that a maleate is mixed with polyolefin but not the polyolefin is mixed with a maleated polyolefin as claimed.

Claim 18 is further rejected as can be best understood by the examiner in light of the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 13-16 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boah et al. (US 4,953,511). Boah discloses (figures 1,5-6 and column 2, lines 37-43) a heat exchanger component comprising a plurality of metal condensing flow passages (62) having a surface (61) and a film of thermoplastic such as polyolefin adhering directly to the surface. As regarding claims 15,19 and 20, the method of forming the device is not germane to the issue of patentability of the device itself. "Even though product-by-process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process." In re Thorpe, 777 F.2d 695, 698, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985). In this instant application, the heat exchanger component in the product by process claim is the same as or obvious from the heat exchanger component (62) of Boah, in which a film of polymer is directly adhering to the metal

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surface. The steps of using roller, heating and melting pellets to form film may be different from Boah's process, but the final product of the prior art is the same with the product in the product-by-process claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boah et al. in view of Ehrig et al. (US 4,824,736). Boah substantially discloses all of applicant's claimed invention as discussed above except for the limitations a tackifier mixing with polyolefin and a maleated polyolefin. Ehrig et al. discloses (column 1, lines 25-40) that a tackifier such as maleic anhydride is mixed with a polyolefin to form a maleated polyolefin for the purpose of improving the adhesion of the polyolefin to metal. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Ehrig's teaching in Boah's heat exchanger to improve the adhesion of the polyolefin to the metal surface.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Yamada et al. (US 4,449,992) discloses a heat-and-moisture exchanger coated with polymer.

Bivans et al. (US 4,064,315) discloses a maleic anhydride modified polymer.

Salyer (US 5,565,132) discloses a thermoplastic moldable non-extruding phase change material.

Kawamoto (US 6,604,572) discloses a heat exchanger coated with a corrosion film.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Tho Duong whose telephone number is (703) 305-0768. The examiner can normally be reached on from 9:30-6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennet, can be reached on (703) 308-0101. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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